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Ms. P. Lynn Scarlett
Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Management and Budget
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Scarlett.

Re: Purchasing paper with recycled content

For more than 25 years, the Federal government has sought to use our purchasing power to help conserve natural resources by creating markets for the materials that we recycle. Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Executive Order 13101, the Federal government has been particularly effective in creating markets for recovered paper by purchasing paper containing 30 percent postconsumer fiber for our office and printing needs. In the National Capital area alone, more than 90 percent of our purchases of copier paper contain 30 percent postconsumer fiber.

The Office of Management Budget's Memorandum M-02-07, issued in May 2002 to address agency printing, did not change the requirement that agency publications be printed on 30 percent postconsumer content paper. Please work with your printing staff to ensure that they understand and are implementing this requirement, and let me know what steps you have taken.

Thank you for your continued stewardship, and please contact Ms. Dana Arnold here if you have any questions (at 202/564-1297).

Sincerely,

John L. Howard, Jr.
Federal Environmental Executive